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TO: Animal Health Section Laboratory Customers

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SUBJECT: Changes in Brucellosis Testing, Brucellosis Supplies, and Tuberculin

This memorandum is to notify you of a major change in the laboratory to which you will be sending your brucellosis samples for testing and from which you will obtain tuberculin and brucellosis supplies. Beginning July 1, 2009, the WSDA Animal Health Section Laboratory will no longer be conducting brucellosis testing due to state budget reductions.

All samples are to be sent to Washington State University's Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL) either in Pullman or Puyallup (WADDL-Avian Health and Food Safety Laboratory Branch). Regulatory brucellosis tests will continue to be run at no charge to the veterinarian. For regulatory brucellosis testing only, please use the WADDL-Puyallup laboratory.

Avian Health and Food Safety Laboratory Branch (253-445-4537)

Shipping Address: 2607 West Pioneer
Puyallup, WA 98371-4990

Mailing Address: same

For regulatory or diagnostic brucellosis testing along with other diagnostic testing, samples should be directed to the WADDL-Pullman laboratory.

Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (509-335-9696)

Shipping Address: Bustad Hall, Rm. 155-N
Pullman, WA 99164-7034

Mailing Address: PO Box 647034
Pullman, WA 99164-7034

Upon request, WADDL will ship tuberculin and brucellosis supplies to accredited veterinarians as the WSDA Laboratory has in the past.

We hope this change will not be an inconvenience for you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Dr. Leonard Eldridge at (360) 902-1881 or by email at leldridge@agr.wa.gov, Barbara Baker at (360) 586-3645 or by email at bbaker@agr.wa.gov, or Dr. Tim Baszler, WADDL Director at (509) 335-6047 or by email at baszler@vetmed.wsu.edu.

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